

'Bugging' Answer Demanded of U.S.

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Sept. 29 (UPI) — U.S. District Judge Roger Foley ordered Government attorneys yesterday to tell whether electronic "bugging" devices were used to gather income tax evasion evidence against gambler Moe Dalitz, president of the Stardust and Desert Inn hotels here.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Defeo had charged earlier that Dalitz attempted to conceal his association with a Panamanian "front" corporation — Atlantida S.A. — when he allegedly falsified his 1959 income tax return.

Defeo, implying that Dalitz had shipped money out of the United States to Panama, said, "he may be the owner of Atlantida." He also said that such evidence might be forthcoming in the Government's case against Dalitz.

Dalitz was indicted last year on charges he conspired to evade tax payments on a transaction involving Turbo Dynamics stock.

The Government charged that Dalitz was given 5000 shares of stock after he arranged a \$50,000 loan from Atlantida to Turbo Dynamics. Government attorneys said the 120-day loan was interest free.

Dalitz's lawyers petitioned for a bill of particulars which would force the Government to disclose whether it obtained evidence against him by using electronic eavesdropping devices.

Judge Foley upheld the request yesterday and ordered the Federal Government to reveal whether the Department of Justice was aware of devices being placed in the home and offices of Dalitz and Eli Boyer, the gambler's accountant. Boyer also was named in the conspiracy charge.

The Government also was ordered by Foley to reveal when, where, how and who authorized the use of eavesdropping devices and upon what Federal statute it relied for support.